

ELECTION

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1-3, drawn to a wafer storage method; and

Group II, claims 4-6, drawn to a water shipping device.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group II, Claims 4-6. Because newly presented independent claims 8 and 12 are an apparatus claim, these claims and their dependent claims should also now be elected and examined.

It is respectfully submitted that it should be no undue burden on the Examiner to consider all claims in the single application. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this Restriction Requirement are respectfully requested.

In the event that the Examiner persists in this requirement, Applicants reserve the right to file a Divisional application at a later time, if so desired.

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are now present in the present application.

The specification and claim 5 have been amended, and claims 7-15 have been presented. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

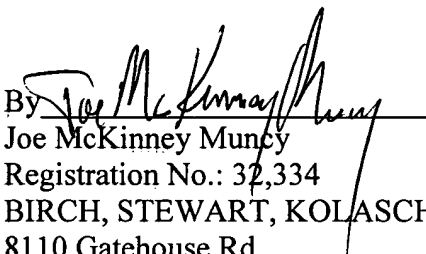
In the event that any outstanding matters remain in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

- ☒ Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.
- ☒ Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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